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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,2,3 04/09/2002 (GROVE JR., BRANDON) OR-M
 TAGS: MILI, MARR, MOPS, IS, LE
 SUBJECT: CONCERNS ABOUT IDF INITIATIVE IN LEBANON

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ALL OF OUR SOURCES HERE ARE ALIVE TO THE
POTENTIAL FOR AN IDF STRIKE INTO SOUTH LEBANON
IN THE NEAR TERM, BUT NONE CAN POINT TO PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR INSTINCTIVE CONCERNS.

3. UNTSO COS ERSKINE TOLD US YESTERDAY (8 APRIL) THAT
HE HAD PRESSED HIS OWN STAFF FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT
MIGHT SUGGEST A BUILD-UP, BUT TURNED UP ONLY
REPORTS OF "INCREASED TENTAGE" AND POSITIONING OF
LOGISTICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE NAHARIYA AREA. ERSKINE
SAID THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO SIGNS OF UNUSUAL

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IDF/DFP ACTIVITY IN THE ENCLAVE: AIR, SEA, AND LAND VIOLATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS LIE VERY MUCH WITHIN THE PATTERNS SUCH ACTIVITIES HAVE FOLLOWED SINCE LATE JANUARY. THE ONLY THING THAT STRUCK ERSKINE AS BEING AT ALL OUT OF THE ORDINARY WAS THE GENERAL LACK OF SPECIAL ACTIVITY RELATED TO PESAH/ PASSOVER: NORMALLY, ERSKINE SAID, IDF ACTIVITY INCREASES SOMEWHAT DURING MAJOR HOLIDAYS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS; THIS TIME, THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO CHANGES REPORTED.

4. OTHER UN SOURCES CORROBORATED THIS OUTWARDLY CALM PICTURE. WHILE IDF DETAILS AT CROSSING POINTS LIKE ROSH HANIGRA REPORTEDLY APPEAR MORE ALERT (ONE SOURCE SAID "TENSE"), BUT THIS IS ASSUMED TO RELATE TO THE INCREASED VIGILANCE ONE EXPECTS DURING HOLIDAY PERIODS. GROVE

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